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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7458

BILL NUMBER: HB 1633

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 8, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Information on Death Certificates.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Wolkins

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that certain information concerning a deceased person may not be released to the public as part of a record prepared by a local health officer or as part of a death certificate. The bill provides that this information is open to public inspection 50 years after the deceased person's date of death.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: See *Explanation of Local Expenditures*.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill provides that the following information concerning a deceased person is confidential and may not be released to the public as part of a record prepared by a local health officer or as information provided on a death certificate: any information relating to the cause of death; parentage and marital status; and medical information. The information may only be released to specified immediate relatives or to persons having a demonstrable interest in the estate. The data may be used for research purposes. The bill provides that the confidential information is to be open to the public 50 years after the date of death.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: Local health officers.

Information Sources:

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